

REMARKS


Claims 22-31, 41, 42, 44, 45 and 47 were indicated to be allowable in the Notice of Allowance.

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) application is submitted in an abundance of caution to have the allowed claims considered in light of additional prior art. Such references are cited in the accompanying Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement presented herewith.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

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